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Bearing out the old thesis that anything is likely to happen in the mathematics department, we find our first tidbit in Miss Smith's College Algebra class. Miss Smith, after working a problem, heard a groan in the back row and a loud complaint at the length of the time required to do said problem, emanating from Victor Mickulich. "Well, Mr. Mickulich," responded Miss Smith, "it only took me five minutes."

"Yeah", growled Mickulich. "I worked on the problem for a whole hour, and ended up by copying the answer out of the back of the book."

Chris Hanson was very happy to transfer his janitorial duties from Weld to MacLean hall. The reason is directly connected with the music department or Mr. Hanson's sense of appreciation. To quote Mr. Hanson directly: "If there is music in heaven I would just as soon go to the other place." Unquote.

Most people know the meaning of the Spanish term "amigo." People not so well acquainted with the language usually do not realize that there are two forms of the word, one "amigo" meaning boy friend and another "amiga" meaning girl friend. Even one of our Spanish experts, Betty Anne Fritzke, got involved with this problem. Dorothy Jones, in getting acquainted with Miss Fritzke, inquired with whom she roomed.

"Oh," responded Senorita Fritzke, "an amigo."

While Dorothy gasped loudly, Betty reverted hurriedly to English to correct herself.

We suggest that Mae Iverson be forced to take a full year of intensive mathematical study. The other day we encountered Mae on the West Fargo bus, in vigorous conversation with the driver, who was desperately trying to explain the intricacies of financing the 25 cent round trip. Mae ended up by paying 30 cents instead of the usual price. Please, some mathematical education is in order before the Iverson firm goes bankrupt.

Ronald Bakke, Twin Valley, who registered here as a freshman this fall, is now Private Ronny Bakke of the United States Army. Going to prove that life in these times is very uncertain, we find that Mr. Bakke attended classes two days and was then spirited away by the vigilant men from the Norman County draft board.

Now, watch while this column snoops maliciously into the private lives of the professors. Last weekend's duck hunting trip involving Dr. Lura, Mr. Addicott, Dr. Dildine, Dr. Westfall, Mr. Domek, Mr. Johnson, and Dr. Christensen was of high interest. Among the scandalous goings on was the spending of one night in a hay stack, eight miles from the Canadian border. The "honorable professors" found it so comfortable that they overslept. We would overlook this bit of scandal but there are reports of a steak-fry which proves that the professors were not even good enough shots to acquire their meals.

### Lillah Olson Gets Fellowship At Michigan

Lillah Olson, former student of MSTC, has been awarded a fellowship for one year of graduate study in public health education at the University of Michigan. The scholarship is sponsored by the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, and is supplemented by three months of field service. Lillah will leave Moorhead the latter part of this month for Ann Arbor.

# The Western MiSTiC

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## Convention Opens Oct. 18

### Staff of Five to Facilitate Veterans Guidance Work

The Veterans Administration Vocational Guidance Center at MSTC opened Tuesday in its work of processing the veterans. Although the center has not yet been fully staffed, the personnel at present is sufficiently complete so that the veteran will receive necessary counseling service. Veterans will be advised in every field that training is required.

All ex-servicemen are eligible for this training under the G. I. Bill and are advised to make an application to the Center for counseling.

Two sets of offices have been provided at the College. One is used by the personnel of the Veterans Administration. At the present five persons represent the staff. They are as follows:

Mr. L. A. Hummell, Minneapolis, is the acting chief of the Guidance center. He was a major in the armed forces before his discharge from the service, commanded a headquarters company in the infantry. Mr. Hummell is also a veteran of the First World War. Before entering the service he was affiliated with the motion picture industry.

### Honors Slated For Top Scholars

Awards for the last year's high ranking scholarship records have been announced by the local chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary education fraternity. Betty Anne Fritzke, Moorhead, was high ranking junior. Sophomore honors went to Joyce Coleman, Fargo, and Ardath Meland, Moorhead. Freshman high-ranker was Eloise Rutkowski, Climax. Betty Anne has earned the top award for all three years, and Joyce also has a record, as she was high freshman two years ago.

Besides Eloise, last year's ten top freshman awards go to Winifred Clarke, now attending the University of Minnesota, and Adeline Greenfield, Wolverton; Betty Halliday, now at Junior College at San Bernardino, Calif.; Helen Johnson, Moorhead; Arla Krabbenhoft, Sablin; Patricia Loen, also at the University of Minnesota; Phyllis Melin, Lancaster; Rhoda Rehder, Comstock; Edith Sevalson, now attending Concordia, and Edell Storck, who is now teaching.

### Student Talent To Be Heard Thursday

Student talent will flourish in Convocation this Thursday. The program, planned by the students, will include selections by a mixed chorus and a girls' ensemble. It will also feature piano and vocal solos and group singing.

George Grim, returned war correspondent of the Minneapolis Star-Journal and Tribune, spoke last Thursday at Convocation on some of the many interesting happenings he had witnessed on the European battle fronts.

He told about the rising of Mussolini's body—head down from a gas station scaffold in an Italian town. He also saw a blood stained couch in Berlin, which could have been the remains of Hitler's body, and

Mr. Nathan G. Mandel is serving temporarily as vocational adviser for the center. Before his discharge from the service as a major, Mr. Mandel served four years in the army, participating in the Aleutian campaign and acting as commander of an anti-aircraft unit. Prior to entering the service he was with Public Welfare administration and guidance in Nebraska, Illinois and Minnesota.

The staff of the other office includes three persons that are hired by the College. They are:

Dr. Ruth K. Hill, Winona, has been selected as psychometrist and test administrator. Dr. Hill did graduate work at the University of Chicago in test construction, test administration, personnel service and counseling. Prior to coming to this position, she was manager of a United States Employment office. She has two sons in the service of World War II, who are serving in the Navy. Her husband is also a veteran.

Mr. Oscar S. Glover is one of the two vocational appraisers. He has a B.A. and M.A. degrees both from Chicago University and has done graduate work at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Glover served in the medical corps in the First World War and later as reserve officer.

Mr. John Jenkins of Fargo, North Dakota, is the other vocational appraiser. His training as a civilian and while in the service has prepared him for counseling work. After graduating from North Dakota State college he did graduate work at the University of Iowa. As a teacher in the Roosevelt junior high school, he acted as assistant vocational guidance specialist. Mr. Jenkins when discharged from the service held the rank of captain, during the four years he was engaged in personnel and classification work.

#### ALL-COLLEGE PARTY

"Pardon me, may I have your autograph?" You may not be Bing Crosby, in spite of the size of your ears, but it's fun pretending. The Senior class requests that you all doll up to imitate your favorite character in the movies, fiction or funny papers and come down to the Casa Manan (a big gym) Friday, October 12 at 7:30 for dancing and a gala time hobnobbing with the celebrities. Prizes will be awarded for the two most realistic interpretations. (no cover charge.)

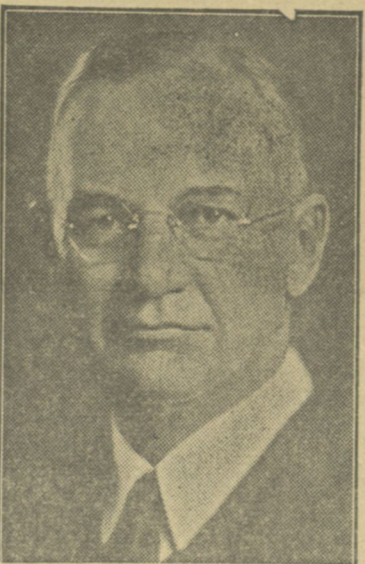
claimed the story of his death could have been "good" or too "good."

The European area, according to Grim, doesn't look bright. There's an unsettled Italy, a France run by black market and the entire war torn population threatened with a bitter cold winter because of fuel shortages. But he suggested that European diplomacy between nations could be obtained if we vocalized with Eisenhower to the strains "You Tell Me Your Dreams And I'll Tell You Mine."

However, in summing up, he urged that we help build our democracy into a dynamic worth-whileness which will encourage other nations to follow us.



CONGRESSMAN JUDD



JUSTICE LORING

### Alumni To Hear Chief Justice At M.E.A. Banquet

Mr. Charles Loring, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota and former student at MSTC, will address the first post-war gathering of the alumni at a dinner meeting October 18, at 5:30 p. m. at St. Joseph's church, Moorhead. The traditional banquet is scheduled to coincide with the Western M. E. A. Convention.

Alumni of the college have made reservations for the dinner with Miss Jennie Owens, Registrar. Miss Frances Hanson, Emerson-Smith School, is in charge of sale of tickets in Fargo schools, and Miss Pearl Fankhanel, Sharp School, in Moorhead schools.

During the dinner hour Mr. H. J. Eininger, Fargo, president of the Alumni Association, will preside. Miss Grace Gregerson, president of the Moorhead-Fargo chapter of the Alumni Association, will bring greetings. Mr. George M. Comstock, resident director, will welcome the alumni in behalf of the college and the State Teachers College Board.

A group of M. S. T. C. students, Elizabeth Christenson, Moorhead; Charlotte Heisler, Fargo; Ruth Schillerstrom, Moorhead; Ila Grove, Roosevelt; and Dorothy Reynolds, Moorhead, will sing songs of yesteryears, Miss Maude Wenck, directing. Group singing will be lead by Mrs. Jessie H. Askegaard, with Esther Harrison, Doran, at the piano.

### Judd, Dowdna Speaks; Spicer Sings Friday

Headquarters for the Western Division of the Minnesota Education Association will be the MSTC campus, more particularly in the big gym. The convention will officially open Thursday, October 18, with registration at 8 o'clock. Teachers from the usual 11-county region will attend, and it is expected that even more than the usual number from outside this district will come.

Many out-of-state representatives will be present. In order to attend these teachers are required to join their own state education association and to pay \$1.00 registration fee here in order to receive their associate membership cards, which will admit them to all MEA functions.

Minnesota teachers, in order to attend, must hold membership in the M.E.A. The general public is invited; they may purchase associate membership tickets for \$1.00 which will admit them to all sessions.

On Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock a general assembly will be held in Weld Hall. There will be a business meeting and an officers' report. Dr. Christensen will extend a welcome on behalf of MSTC, and Mayor R. B. Bergland will speak on behalf of the city of Moorhead.

Mr. Elmer A. Mueller, St. Paul, president of the State Education Association, will speak at this time on "Teachers Face the Future", the general theme of the convention.

Walter H. Judd, member of Congress from Minnesota, will speak at this session on the subject of "America's New International Role." Dr. Judd has been active as physician, missionary, and congressman. After graduation from the University of Nebraska, Dr. Judd worked under the Congregational Foreign Mission Board in China. He has toured the United States lecturing on American foreign policy and interests in the Pacific. Mr. Judd became a member of Congress in 1943.

Miss Clarissa Berquist, superintendent of schools in Becker County and vice-president of the Western Division, will preside at the session.

Another general session will be held that evening at 8:15. Presiding at the meeting will be Superintendent Marcus Langemo of Henning, who is vice-president of the Western Division. Mr. Wick, economist, will speak on national problems.

At 10:45 a. m. on Friday the third general session will be held in the armory. Mr. K. P. Reishus, superintendent of schools at East Grand Forks, will preside. Speaker will be Dr. Edgar G. Dowdna, secretary of the Board of Regents of the Wisconsin Teachers College. His subject will be "The American Heritage."

At 8:00 p. m. Friday evening, October 19, at the Armory the fourth session will be held. A massed chorus of about 400 high school students from the Western Division area, under the direction of Mr. Peter Tkach, will sing. Mr. Tkach is music supervisor for the Minneapolis public schools, and the well known director of West High School a cappella choir.

Highlight at this meeting is Mr.



## The WESTERN MISTIC

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## ACTIVITIES LOOKING UP . . .

M.S.T.C. may not have a football team this year, but a glance at the bulletin boards will show that we're not lacking in other activity. All the campus organizations seem to be already underway in the year's work. The general attitude seems to be one of whole-hearted cooperation and school spirit. School is fun if you're doing something, being a part of something besides the regular classroom routine. Incidentally, those movies Dr. Christensen shows quite regularly are really worthwhile. The Seniors have their heads together and it looks as though a good party is what they're planning. Let's all turn out October 12 and have a good time. We'll need one after the six-weeks exams.—M. P.

## GROWING UP ON THE JOB . . .

Someone has said, "If there's one thing that hurts more than having to pay an income tax, it is not having to pay an income tax!" Decidedly. Especially after having been on war work drawing a regular check each week for a summer or a year, then suddenly finding oneself off the payroll, voluntarily or otherwise, it is a little difficult to adjust emotionally and financially, but the important things in life aren't measured on a monetary basis. I think we can reiterate that statement with emphasis.

It's also quite a surprise to find we're suddenly adults keenly aware of our responsibilities. Now with our new adult minds as we view the things we lost and gained during the time we spent outside of college we can see the contrast and similarities of people in every phase of life. Those things we used to refer to as coarse and ugly parts of living, not associated with ourselves, after rubbing elbows daily with men and women of every creed and nationality in America, should be an incentive and stimulating factor in our education.

The similarities in values aren't just a happenstance either. The fact that they were Negro, German, Norwegian or Russian doesn't change their being part of us and their fitting into the world we live in. Those passing comments we overheard during working hours—were they too trivial to notice? It seemed to me they helped me understand all this business about the equality of the human race. The ultimate tremendous problems dealing with race prejudice should have a decided meaning. I don't mean to play on sympathies—only to wonder if, with education we receive first hand on the subject of humanity, we aren't going to approach the field of teaching and influencing young people with a broader, more clearly defined viewpoint.—M. P.

## PROBLEM IN LOGISTICS . . .

"Men! Oh! Where is a man?", exclaimed a coed as she stood in the corridor of MacLean Hall, looking in vain for something masculine to come ambling along those marble pathways.

Yes, it seems that this "cuddle bunny" will keep screaming, for the number of the better sex is at present at low tide. "Only a few figures clothed in tweed or pin-stripes are seen walking aimlessly through the halls, sometimes nearly being trampled to death as the American beauties thunder down the halls to their classes.

Not only the coeds but the men are anxious for more of their sex to make an appearance to help hold the tradition of mankind. Possibly in the future we will be blessed by an increasing number.

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"Oh what a dog's life, but, Ah! a good life . . . On a small coral atoll in the Pacific—"Oh, for the sight of a woman, the touch of her lips to mine, a sweet caress," muttered Jim, veteran of six beachheads, as he strolled back and forth under a huge palm tree.

"Oh! for a woman, even the saucy little red-head that I left in Minnesota," raved Jim, as the moon reflected majestically across the blue Pacific.

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These two should get together!—M. W.

## Bucks Ache In Burlap Brigade

(by a Brigadette)

Young man, beat it down that field. Those spuds don't stand a chance. No, MSTC hasn't a 'ew football team, but we do boast a new Future Farmers of America outfit. Plenty tough too—(veterans of the Sabin sloughs, Dilworth ditches, Buffalo river banks, and wherever those Red River valley mines still lie unearthed.

I slipped right up to the front during last Saturday's maneuvers. And I'll never forget the struggles I saw . . .

Getting back to that young man—he spearheaded the attack (no doubt scared on by the pursuing team of gals). And he couldn't dig them up any faster than the pairs of pickers leap-frogged down the rows after him. Ten burlap bags flopping on the back of each girl made a camouflage flounce—anyway behind the lines it did. When a little group stopped to mop their muddy brows and unfold from their crawling position, I recognized a contingent from our own Comstock Hall.

"See those two little bundles flouncing out in front. Vosper and Linde, the North Dakota kids, are way ahead in this charge."

"I'm starved, in fact I'm going to start gnawing potatoes if we don't knock off pretty quick!" This outburst came from the rear. Math, Britt, Kars, and Monty dumped their last baskets and came running for the chow basket. The gang tanked up with Ma Jackson's special coffee (a whole gallon) and poked sandwiches down with both hands.

"We've got to hit a hundred before we quit—I feel swell, don't you?"

"Um-hummm, Juney, my back feels a little funny, but—"

This was just a faint echo of the aches that came to plague our peerless pickers. But you can't keep a good man down; our gals are still wearing their burlap bustles.

## Homer Doesn't Live Here Any More--Or Does He?

I have been studying epics. Epics, you know, are centuries old and invariably come in small dusty green volumes with notes to match. Lots of notes.

The notes are for the express purpose of keeping the reader involved in interminable investigation and if you keep at them too long you grow a long, grey beard, wear a monocle and are offered an assistant professorship in some bleak corner of Oxford.

Epics were sung by the bards in the eleventh century. Don't ask me what anyone had to sing about in the eleventh century. Maybe they just tried out the echoes in the old castles.

Anyway, the bards sang the epics to the assembled lords, just after said lords had come back from a hard day of slaying dragons and waking up Brunhilde, and the other chores that kept the gentlemen of that period busy. They sang about Troy and Roland and King Arthur and other offensive creatures of the same kind. After the concert, everyone went home and ate huge quantities of aspirin. Vitamin tablets hadn't been invented.

The plot of an epic runs something like this. Hector, king of the white-armed Alsiaciens, returns home to find his wife carrying on with Marsile, a creature who is half dog and half man and not much of a success at either. Hector draws his sword, which is so strong it can cut the air at a fraternity smoker, and slashes off the human part of Marsile's body, at the same time cutting off the heads of Tom, Dick, and Ithioanthropus, his infant sons who are just innocent bystanders

## Mistic Interviews

## "Ma" In Student Center

Coffee pot in hand and with one eye on the freezer and the coke machine stands "Ma" Jackson, magistrate of the Student Center and server of perpetually hungry students. Behind the counter in the Center since it opened almost three years ago, "Ma" had had plenty of experience serving breakfast to a line of sleepy-eyed late and early risers who usually dally over the counter trying to reach a decision on the vital question of "rolls, grapefruit, or toast." Ma reports that nine-tenths of the kids ask for coffee, although many of them often want milk, and a few of them insist on cokes first thing in the morning. Nearly all of the faculty and most students order a 15 cent breakfast, which Ma agrees "is about right".

At 2:50, when the daily afternoon rush comes on in earnest, there is usually a clamouring for ice cream and cokes by students; faculty members seem to prefer coffee as their afternoon lift. Your reporter



## YEARLY FILM SCHEDULE

First of a series of March of Time films, "Russia at War", was shown under the direction of Dr. Christensen on October 2.

The schedule will include a film on Ireland, November 6; "The Ways of Farming", December 4; and other films on January 8, February 5, March 12, April 2 and May 7. These movies will be held in Room 105-106 in MacLean Hall at 12:30 p. m.

regrets to have to mention the contrast between the demand for cokes, ice cream, toppings, and the like, and the amount Ma is able to procure for us. However, the situation is improving, and there seems to be a prospect of plenty of everything in the not too distant future.

When asked if she had some pet peeves to air, Ma said, "Well, no, except the way the floor is always littered with paper napkins, opened envelopes, etc. I'm the gal behind the broom, and the kids could help in keeping the Center neater." On the other hand, coke fiends are getting over the bad habit of putting their bottles where the dishes are supposed to be.

Ma recalls for us the "old days" when she ran the "coaching table", at which special meals were served to football and basketball boys on days when games were played. The meals consisted of steaks, toast, and tea. Ma also regularly boarded about twenty-five MSTC boys, including football players from Michigan and Montana and the famous Staples basketball men. Sounds almost like a fairy tale to this "lost generation" of Dragonettes, but it's fun to hear Ma talk about it.

## Music In The Air

## Lower Basin Blues To Invade Gym Soon

Long dormant jitterbugs at MSTC will soon have a chance to renew their gyrating activities. The student commission has ordered albums of new records, enough to please the most rabid of jazz addicts.

The titles reveal a long list of famous selections—Artie Shaw's "Sad Sack," "The Red Cap's Boogie Woogie on a Saturday Night," "Feather Merchant" by Count Basie, "Sentimental Journey" by Les Brown, and a long list of others.

Students need now to wait only for the next all-college party or the advent of weekly social dancing for a demonstration of their ball room prowess.

## NINE FOREIGN STUDENTS

Nine foreign students are registered at St. Johns University at Collegeville, Minn., this year. They are from Guatemala, Cuba, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Virgin Islands, China and Costa Rica.

## MISS MALVEY WRITES ARTICLE

Miss Clara Malvey, graduate of M.S.T.C. and now teacher at Bemidji S.T.C. is the author of an article in the April issue of Everybody's Health entitled "Summer Round."



## President Snarr Takes Vacation



President O. W. Snarr will be absent until the latter part of October, on a three weeks' vacation visiting two sisters in West Virginia and a brother in North Carolina, and accomplishing certain matters of business on the side.

En route Dr. Snarr will stop in Chicago to interview candidates for counselors for the Veterans Administration Vocational Guidance Center. On his return to Minnesota he will attend the conference on teachers education sponsored by the University of Chicago. This conference which is scheduled for October 22 and 23, will be attended by presidents of teachers colleges from the five states of Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, and Minnesota.

## Seven Transfer To M. S. T. C.

M. S. T. C., under the impact of scores of freshmen, is also the scene of the activities of nine new transfer students. Here are sidelights on each of these girls by way of introduction.

A transfer from Luther College in Regina, Sask., is Dorris Alexander. A junior majoring in English, mathematics and science, she is also very musical. Maybe we can hear her and her twin, Doreen, sing a duet in the near future. She talks about Chesterfield Rugby as her hobby and chief amusement. Whatever it is you'll have to find out personally.

Bismarck was the birthplace of Dorothy Jones, now a resident of Moorhead, but she has been in the east quite a few years. Dorothy is a transfer from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Penn. She is majoring in social studies with a minor in English and Spanish. Her interests lie in the psychology of people.

Esther Leino, a transfer from Hibbing junior college, is a resident of Chisholm, Minn. She is much interested in speech work of all kinds with high ambitions for a radio career. Her major is English with minors in speech and history.

Hettinger is the birthplace of Adeline Osmundson. She came from Concordia, and is now taking the two year elementary course. Her hobby is horseback riding.

Ambitious Betty Solberg aspires to be a kindergarten teacher in Minneapolis. A transfer of the U. of North Dakota, she is now taking the two year course. Her varied interests include swimming, dancing and roller skating.

A prospective actress is Lois Jean Stedman, formerly from Bismarck, now of Moorhead. A transfer from Jamestown college, she is now taking the two-year course in elementary education.

Crookston claims Helen Swisdahl as a native. She is a junior transferred from Hibbing junior college, majoring in art and history. She has ambitions along such lines as artist, actress, model, or even a teacher!

Ethel Miller, a sports fan from Motley, is a sophomore taking the two-year course. She is a transfer from St. Cloud Teachers College.

## Ghost Of Mildew Hall Cries Out In Protest Against Demolishing Of Its Haunt Inhabited For Fifteen Years

By RUTH RAFFERTY

Crossing the campus each morning, two things hurt me—the screaming of boards as piece by piece old "Mildew Hall" is demolished—and the indifference of students to these voices wailing their reluctance to leave the scene of their glory. For the history of that little brown, battered, but lovable building between Weld Hall and the Campus School is glorious.

Student personnel changes so rapidly few here now realize the significance of this building; but watch the faces of alums as they ask about "the old men's dorm" or "Mildew Hall," as it is fondly called, and remember what I will now tell you. For this is the obituary of a passing era.

It all began on February 9th, 1930, when "Old Main" and the Training School burned, leaving only Weld Hall and the Women's dormitories. The next morning students and faculty held a council of war—with the band out and all united in rousing singing of old College songs. Then they got to work. Something must be done, some sort of building erected for all-college functions, and classes continued.

The money for this came from students, faculty, alums, and their friends. No state money was used. That spring the long low frame building was completed at a cost of \$7,000, the personal investment of M. S. T. C.'s "foster children."

The long hall, with its beautiful maple floor, made an ideal gym, band practice room, and dance floor for the All-College parties, while the front of the building held the

student center, post-office and telephone exchange for the 650 students of the college.

MacLean Hall was completed in May, 1932, and that fall the emergency building was partitioned and converted into a men's dormitory, with the old exchange and post office becoming the living room. For eight years it served in this way—and many a tale would be told if walls had voices. One of Dame Rumor's products is that one young gentleman walked right through a paper-board wall. 'Twas the occasion of an unexpected visit from the Dean of Men—and a door simply wasn't handy.

During Christmas vacation in 1940 a fire started in the dormitory. No one knew just how it started. The building was gutted, though standing, and some repairs were made. But from that time on the men of the College lived in rooming-houses off campus.

The building stood idle for a short time—then was pressed into service once more. In the fall of '42 it suffered the ignominious role of an emergency storage building for --of all things -- onions-- and exuded the appropriate perfume in protest.

When war-time storage and transportation facilities improved, this was discontinued. But soon it served again in the war effort, and in a way I am sure was much more to its liking; for again it rang with men's voices. In 1943 the 346th College Training Detachment of the Army Air Forces came to the campus, and the old dormitory became

the military barber-shop and paymaster's office. Every night a "flight" or "squadron" of khaki-clad men sang to the rhythm of their marching feet as they passed in formation around the campus to the barber-shop for their weekly "trim."

In the spring of 1944 the last men of the detachment left. "Mildew Hall" had finished its life of usefulness. But it was not immediately forgotten; for Professors Allen E. Woodall and Herold Lillywhite had immortalized it in their play, "The Ghost of Mildew Hall."

On September 15th, 1945, the wreckers began to tear down this famous old 15-year landmark on the campus. It's almost gone now, but visit it, if you will, before the last board is hauled away, and give it fond farewell—for yourself—and for its former charges, many of whom will be denied that privilege.

## New Head Named



## MiSTiC Staff Makes Additional Appointments

Dr. Byron D. Murray, MiSTiC adviser, will head the publications committee for this year. He replaces Dr. Allan Woodall, who is now at Boston University. Other members on the faculty committee are Mr. Krafve and Dr. Kise. Mr. Henry Weltzin, who is on leave of absence this year, will be replaced by the new industrial arts instructor, who has not yet been named.

Lowell Melbye, Ulen, Glenn Ringstad, Hawley, and Lois Cornell, Rustad, are members of the student board of publications. They will meet with the faculty advisory committee to discuss plans for the MiSTiC and Dragon for the coming year.

The MiSTiC has made several alterations and additions since the line-up in the last issue. Dorris Alexander, Regina, Sask., has been named business manager. The position of society editor, recently vacated by Ardath Meland, will be taken by Marion Karsnia, Perham. Rosemary Dodds, Moorhead, will head the Circulation staff now. The dual office of art and music editor has been accepted by Jean Gardner, Fargo. Betty Papermaster, Fargo, will act as copy reader, and Maurice Wilson, Moorhead, is supervising the make-up and headlines.

## Campus Musicians Organize New Club

Musical activities on the campus, reaching a new crescendo, were strengthened by the appearance of a new organization, the Music Club. The club is organized for the benefit of M. S. T. C. students interested in music and is expected to add greatly to the musical life of the school.

Dorothy Reynolds, Moorhead, has been elected president of the club. Vice-president is Elizabeth Christiansen, Moorhead. John Pollesino of Dilworth has assumed the secretarial duties and Juell Linde, Neche, N. D., is publicity chairman.

## Music Majors Assist Preston In Band Work

Because of the fact that the regular band director, Mr. Bertram McGarrity, is away on leave, the band is now directed by students who are majoring in music. So far it has been a new experience for them as well as for those in the band. These students are under the leadership of Mr. Daniel Preston, head of the music department. Last year's band consisted of mostly clarinets, saxophones, and a drum with a few other instruments thrown in. It is quite a thrill to see a few brasses and some trombones this year. From what we have to start with this year, the student body can expect some good programs in the near future from the band. It may come to the point where those beautiful, but unused, band uniforms will have to be dug out and dusted off once again.

Here is the band personnel: Trumpet or Cornet—Lavonne Miller, Buffalo, N. D.; Lola Daniels, Glyndon, B flat Clarinet—Beverly Hicks, Moorhead; Lowell Melbye, Ulen; Clifford Aamoth, Twin Valley; Evelyn Green, Battle Lake; Gale Hagglund, St. Hilaire; Fern Stennes, Hendrum; Iva Shafer, Oakes.

Alto Clarinet—John Poliseno, Dilworth; Delores Carlson, Wolverton. Bass Clarinet—Ruth Moss, Fargo; Mae Iverson, Alvarado; Myrtle Townsend, Moorhead; Chrystal Lindberg, Karlstad; June Patt-ridge, North St. Paul.

Fute - Piccolo—Elizabeth Christenson, Moorhead; Valborg Aas, Hendrum; Barbara Anderson, Breckenridge; Frances Sloan, Detroit Lakes; Tympani—Eileen Schmunk, Crookston.

Snare Drum—Adeline Osmundson, Kettinger; Pat Cadieux, Jamestown, N. D.; Betty Leitheiser, Detroit Lakes; Virginia Gorman, Moorhead; Virginia Trowbridge, Comstock. Bass Drum—Dorothy Johnson, Portland, Oregon.

Bariton—Richard Ydstie, Moorhead; Jean Linberg, Karlstad; Shelda Jacobson, Borup; Margaret Gauthun, Benson. Trombone—Bernice Lindgren, Pelican Rapids; Alice Bredberg, Villard; Marion Putnam, Rock Lake.

Alto Horn—Charlotte Heisler, Fargo; Shirley Stempf, Glen; Maxine Carlson, Karlstad. French Horn—Jean Gardner, Fargo; Ruth Simpson, Mapleton.

Saxophone (Alto)—Wanda Jerdee, Lake Park; Lucille Lincoln, Fergus Falls; Vivian Olson, Detroit Lakes. Saxophone (Tenor)—Joanne Curran, Moorhead; Mary Staudacher, Perham. Bass Horn—Elizabeth Schultz, Glyndon; Melvin Powers, Lake Park.

## Dr. Hawkinson Will Speak To Fraternity

Althea Howard, Perham, will be initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary education fraternity, at a meeting at the home of Dr. Christensen on October 10.

Dr. Ella Hawkinson will speak on the "Social Studies Workshop in Rochester, New York." Dr. Hawkinson was in Rochester this summer working as a consultant in the social science workshop of the Rochester schools.

A new historian-reporter will be elected because of the absence of Lyl Solem, who is on sabbatical leave. Candidates for membership will also be considered at the meeting.

## Newman Club Initiates

Under the direction of John Poliseno, Dilworth, president, Newman Club held formal initiation for the new members on Thursday, Oct. 4, in the student lounge. Miss Maude Wenck was introduced as directress for this year. The food committee consisted of Joanne Curran, Moorhead, Dorothy Morrison, Moorhead, Charlotte Heisler, Fargo, Anne Cullen, Fargo, and John Poliseno served refreshments.

## A Soldier Comes Home

By MELVIN BOWERS

Jim leaned thoughtfully back against the cushion of the Pullman chair and looked at the surrounding countryside. A hell of a country, he thought to himself. Desert! His thoughts drifted to speculating on its cause. He knew the scientific reason, but why God should put such a desolate waste of land on the earth was something he could not understand. For a moment he thought of those Pacific Islands and the contrast some of them made.

"It's all hell," he mused, "but soon I'll be back where God laid his hand on the earth and blessed it with beauty and comfort."

He closed his eyes and let mental pictures of that country form in his mind. Yes, it was all there, the highway winding through an isle of stately Norway Pine, then rounding a curve to meet the little town and clear lake. It was all the same. There was the church all crisp and white, and Father John strolling along the freshly cut lawn. There was the house where Paul lived—Paul, his boyhood chum and college pal. There was Maxie's butcher shop, and Maxie as big as ever, with the same old cap pulled down over his bald head. There was the barber shop where he had gone every other Saturday since he could remember. Then the post office, general store, the garage and harness shop, the hardware store.

There was Mrs. Paulson's house, the woman he used to call "my other mother". Then his own home. Mom was hanging out the wash. He chuckled to himself. And next door was Jane—Jane, the tousle-headed little kid he used to tease, and one day noticed she was a pretty young woman. Was it yesterday? No, it was almost five years ago, but it really was yesterday. Yes, the town was here, just as he had left it. Even the boats on the landing were the same.

Then a small lump crept up in his throat. No, it wasn't the same. Paul, dear old Paul, he wouldn't be back. Dick Sims, the greatest quarter-back in the northern part of the state, wouldn't be back. He carried the ball for the marines. There was Maxie's boy, Tom; he always wanted to fly a plane. I'll

bet he made a damn good pilot. And Johnny Taylor, the guy who used to sit in the last row in American history and would write notes to Lucie. The last they saw of him he was coming back from the front with an ambulance full of wounded men. There was Bill, the ladies' man. He was an excellent dancer. Hmm, wonder if he can learn to use that artificial limb and win another jitter-bug contest? Little "Creepy", the fellow who couldn't make the physical. It would seem funny to see that care-free little nut running around with a baby in his arms.

His friends, every one of them. It was just a few days ago they said, "So long." "Be seein' you in Tokyo." "Ya, Buck, but I'll be upstairs lookin' down on you foot-sore bums." Some of them saw Tokyo, some of them didn't, but they sure tried.

Yes, the old town would look the same, but it wouldn't be. Still, Jane would be there. "Darling, I'm coming. Don't forget our date with Father John."

Jim jumped with a start as the conductor called, "Cedar City, next station." Then he settled back once again. "Just 987 more miles and I'll be home."

## Pawlowski To Head Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta, national honorary English fraternity, held an election of officers at the first meeting of the year. The following were elected: President, Marjorie Pawlowski, Perham; vice president, John Poliseno, Dilworth; secretary-treasurer, Grace Morkert, Portland, Oregon. Dr. Murray is the adviser for the organization. Plans will be outlined for the year's activity at the next meeting.

## PLAN TOURNAMENTS

The last business meeting of the W. A. A. was held on September 26. The W. A. A. compact and the awarding of chevrons was discussed. Plans were made for volleyball tournaments to be held during the fall quarter.



## Preston Will Direct 80 In '45-'46 Choir

More than eighty voices constituted the college choir this year under the direction of Mr. Daniel Preston. As yet, no definite plans have been made as to what the Choir will be presenting this year in programs and other entertainment.

Choir personnel includes the following officers: President—Esther Harrison, Doran; Vice President—Mae Iverson, Alvarado.

The Library committee is made up of Helen Johnson, Moorhead; Bernice Lingren, Pelican Rapids; Donna Cates, Moorhead; and Patricia Mickelson, Fargo.

The Publicity committee consists of Betty Papermaster, Fargo; and Virginia Blood, Wadena.

In charge of properties are the following: Gowns—Lucille Lincoln, Fergus Falls; Dalene Wadson, Alice, N. D. Seating—Volberg Aas, Hendrum, Ilene Schmunk, Crookston; Anne Cullen, Fargo.

On the Transportation committee are: Kay Luthander, Graceville; Dorris Alexander, Regina, Sash.; and Dorothy Reynolds, Moorhead.

The Program committee consists of Laverne Johnson, Battle Lake, Ruth Simpson, Mapleton; and Ruth Schillerstrom, Moorhead.

Other choir personnel includes: 1st Sopranos—Dorene Alexander, Regina, Sask.; Elizabeth Christenson, Moorhead; Charlotte Heisler, Fargo, N. D.; Shirley Holland, Moorhead; Imogene Johnson, Moorhead; Elaine Nelson, Moorhead; Rhoda Rehder, Comstock; Mabel Bucholz, Durbin, N. D.; Verlin Heuer, Leonard, N. D.; Mary Staudacher, Perham; Evelyn Green, Battle Lake; Arla Krabbenhoft, Sabin; Flavia Larson, Fargo; Virginia Poirier, Moorhead; Shirley Stempf, Glen; Idola Oberg, Warren; Anita Engleson, Rochert.

2nd Sopranos—Gale Hagglund, St. Hilaire; Dorothy Johnson, Portland, Ore.; LaVerne Johnson, Battle Lake; Janice Swanson, Thief River Falls; Florence Elias, St. Thomas; Joanne Curran, Moorhead; Fern Stennes, Hendrum; Lois Tenneson, Fargo; Shirley Ellenson, Gardner, N. D.; Lorraine Johnson, Alexandria; Eloise Rutkowski, Climax; Jean Boe, Pelican Rapids; Norman Lyseng, Hitterdal; Mary Lou Mathews, Humboldt; Lula Brown, Pelican Rapids; Betty Markey Fargo; Borghild Trangsrud, Wyndmere, N. D.; Lavonne Miller, Buffalo, N. D.; Jean Munson, Morris; Wanda Jerdel, Lake Park; Berdell Randorf, Thief River Falls.

1st Alto—Romona Bohlin, Detroit Lakes; Isabelle Johnson, Fargo, N. D.; Marjorie Forse, Minneapolis; Constance Schunk, Fargo; Pearl Nielson, Oberon; Norma Andreson, Fargo, N. D.; Barbara Guth, Rochert; Marcella Lyden, Pelican Rapids; Harriet Eidem, Mareitta; Hope Grobe, Fargo, N. D. 2nd Alto—Delores Carlson, Wolverton; Gloria Johnson, Lake Park; Dorothy Morrison, Moorhead; Hazel Skjold, Nina Skjold, Barbara Anderson, Iva Shafer and Mary Polisen, Dilworth.

## One Hundred Take Part In YWCA Fete

The Y. W. C. A. held its traditional initiation ceremony Thursday, September 27, in the small gymnasium, presided over by Ramona Bohlin, Detroit Lakes. Approximately one hundred girls took part in the candlelight procession which terminated at Wheeler Hall.

Dorothy Dodds, Lillah Olson and Dorothy Jefferson, all of Moorhead, spent the summer working in large industrial plants in Minneapolis. Their work was done under the Industrial Seminar Plan sponsored by the YWCA. Girls from thirty northwest colleges made their homes at Augsburg College while working under this plan.

Lillah Olson will report to the YWCA on the events of the summer next Thursday evening.

## IN OUR SORORITIES...

### Psi Delta Kappa

The Psi Delta sorority girls enjoyed a theatre party on September 25 at the Fargo theatre. After the movie they had lunch together in the lunch room of the Bison Hotel.

October 2 was a special day for the Psi Delta, for it was just fourteen years ago on that date that the sorority was founded. The day was observed in a special way by serving at a tea to honor the eight founders of that occasion on October 2, 1931. Just before the tea was served a representative for each of the eight founders gave the present name and address of a charter member and then lit a small blue candle on the tea table in their honor. Before the day came to a close, a letter was written to each of the charter members telling them a little of the current happenings in the sorority.

The Psi Deltas welcomed a new sister into their sorority on Tuesday, October 2. Ruth Jesness of Morris, Minnesota, became a pledge at the pledge service.

A party honoring the new patrons and patronesses for the coming year was given in the sorority room on Friday evening, October 5. An October theme was carried throughout the party.

The actives have been very happy to have had Dorothy Venard and Lillah Olson, Moorhead alumni, with them several times this fall.

### Beta Chi

The Beta Chi sorority has organized for the coming year and is making plans for the traditional fall informal tea. The sorority room is being redecorated in anticipation of a full program of activities for the fall quarter.

The officers of Beta Chi are President, Ardath Meland, Moorhead; vice-president, Bernice Gunderson, Georgetown; secretary, Maxine Carlson, Karlstad; treasurer, Marion Berglund, Wadena; intersorority representative Dorothy Johnson, Portland, Oregon. Miss Marion Smith, division of mathematics and science, has accepted an invitation to become an honorary member of the sorority.

### YANKTON HAS NEW PREXY

Dr. J. Clark Graham has taken up his duties as the seventh president of Yankton College, Yankton, South Dakota.

### WINS \$100 WAR BOND

John Thomas Highbough, Jr., Sioux Falls College freshman, has won a \$100 war bond prize for an essay entitled "A Psychological Approach To Peace."

## CONVENTION

Earl Spicer, baritone and ballad singer. His selections will include traditional English ballads, a group from Shakespeare and Gilbert and Sullivan, and traditional American ballads.

Dr. Martel Cushman will speak to the rural group Friday morning on "Self-guidance for Rural Teachers." He will speak Friday afternoon at a joint session of rural and elementary teachers on the topic, "Rural School Problems and District Reorganization." Dr. Martel is a specialist in rural and elementary education. He is head of the department of rural-education at Iowa State College.

Assistant Minnesota Commissioner of Education, Mr. T. J. Berning, will speak to the administrative group at the Schoolmaster's banquet.

Dr. Marie Lien, assistant professor of art education at the University of Minnesota, will speak on international culture education of the arts. She will speak at the art sectional meeting and to the elementary teachers.

Various other sectional meetings will feature other noted speakers and discussion groups.

### Pi Mu Phi

Pi Mu Phi sorority actives were entertained Tuesday evening, October 2, at the home of Mrs. R. O. Zuehlsdorff, 1202 7th street south, Moorhead. Mrs. Maurice Zuehlsdorff, the former Dorothy Nelson of Elbow Lake, and Mrs. Harold Erickson, the former Shirley Peterson, were guests.

At the regular business meeting early Tuesday evening the Pi's made plans to have the room available for the alums coming to the MEA Convention.

Rushing captain, Dorothy Reynolds, Moorhead, announced the committee chairmen for the traditional Black and White Rushing Tea, October 26. They are the following: food, Flavia Larson, Fargo; invitations, Marian Metcalf, Marion, Montana; entertainment, Juell Linde, Neche, N. D.; decorations, Dorothy Morrison, Moorhead.

Final plans have been made for the redecoration of the Pi room.

### Gamma Nu

The spacious Gosslee lake home on Pelican, where the Gamma Nu sorority girls have retreated for spring and fall week end outings for years was once again in the scene of a festive two days.

Cooking for seventeen over the old kitchen range, and sleeping on mattresses arranged around the two large fireplaces, the Gams found time to reminisce on past escapades at the lake, and to discuss plans for the coming year. The two days were full ones, with boating, hiking, (swimming in the case of a few determined gals), and wee hour gab sessions on the menu. Both Mrs. Murray and Dr. Hawkinson drove down.

Anne Cullen, Fargo, was welcomed into Gamma Nu as a pledge Tuesday, October 2, at a formal candlelight ceremony. Food committee consisted of Chairman, Rosemary Dodds, Charlotte Heisler, and Arla Krabbenhoft.

The fall rushing event centered around the theme of "Indian Summer Madness", was held September 28. The room was decorated with corn shocks, autumn fruits, colored leaves, etc.

Latest addition to the room is a phonograph contributed by Joanne Curran.

### L.S.A. Discusses Aims, Hears Local Pastor

LSA met Thursday evening, October 4, in Ingleside. Jean Gardner, Fargo, led in devotion. The aims and objectives of LSA were given by Beverly Hicks, Moorhead. Richard Richard Ydstie, Moorhead sang several selections, and Reverend Harrisville spoke to the group.

Phyllis Melin, Lancaster, and Ardath Meland, Moorhead, were in charge of refreshments.

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MR. PARSONS

Many M.S.T.C. graduates and local residents will remember Mr. Parsons, who was an instructor in the physics and chemistry department from 1930 to 1942. In 1942

Mr. Parsons left for Ann Arbor, Michigan, to begin work in the physics department of the University of Michigan on what was then known as a national defense project.

At this time it can be revealed that his arduous three and one-half years were spent on a radio shell that beat even the buzz bomb and helped win the war in Asia as well as Europe.

The radio proximity fuse is a miniature radio sending and receiving station at the nose of the shell used in anti-aircraft, artillery, and naval guns, which causes the shell to explode within a certain distance of its objective.

Mr. Parsons worked under Dr. H. R. Crane, noted physicist, and assisted in the work at Dixboro, near Ann Arbor, where the V-T fuse was tested with miniature model airplanes. He will be remembered, as the Fargo Forum says, by M.S.T.C. graduates as the typical scientist who "pawed around in various odds and ends, came up with all types of discarded articles, and put them together to form a telescope with which to study astronomy."

### Art Club Looks To Christmas Season

Making homemade Christmas Cards is the coming project for the Art Club, it was decided at the meeting October 1. Each one will bring his design to the next meeting.

Refreshments were served by Ila Grove, Roosevelt, and Shirley Bjelland, Mapleton, N. D.

The officers for the coming year are Ila Grove, president; June Larson, vice-president; Noreen Wigg, Secretary-treasurer, Jean Gardner, property chairman.

## Rho Lambda Chi to Sponsor Campfire

That the organization would sponsor the Bluebird group of Campfire Girls at the College Campus School was the decision of Rho Lambda Chi, rural life club, at its first meeting September 24. Twenty-six new members were named at that time. Dr. Junge was named faculty adviser, and Miss Corneliussen was asked to help direct the Campfire project.

Members of the newly-constituted executive council include the president, Marjorie Forse, Minneapolis; vice-president Phyllis Melin, Lancaster; secretary Valborg Huglen, Newfolden; treasurer Elayne Green, Newfolden; and historian Norma Isakson, Barrett.

LaVerne Johnson of Battle Lake, Lorraine Schlimme of Clinton, and Ruth Jesness of Morris served on the entertainment committee, with Adeline Greenfield of Wolverton and Maxine Hunt of Wheaton in charge of refreshments.

The new members include: Lois Adams, Felton; Hannah Blegen, Staples; Alice Bredberg, Villard; Avis Bruhschwein, Marion, N. D.; Harriet Eidem, Marietta; Dorothy Gallagher, Milnor, N. D.; Mathilda Hanson, Battle Lake; Juneth Johnson, Pelican Rapids; Ethel Kleven, Eldred; Germaine Krueger, St. Thomas, N. D.; Connie Lehnerr, Ponsford; Veronica Luckason, Hawley; Doris Lundquist, Graceville; Evelyn Lundquist, Graceville; Inez Lnuquist, Graceville; Kathrine Luthander, Graceville; Clara Miner, Richville; Carol Norgren, Evansville; Idola Oberg, Angus; Jeanette Rindy, Henning; Arline Ruud, Pelican Rapids; Marjorie Sandberg, Detroit Lakes; Ruth Schiller, Forest River, N. D.; Nina Skjold, St. Vincent, Leatrice Sletmoe, Colfax, N. D.; and Beatrice Wolters, Royalton.

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